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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Application of SBC, Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for Authorization To Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, WC Docket No. 03-167*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce is a long-standing supporter of deregulation of the telecommunications industry, and is strongly supportive of attempts to foster competition in the industry. We are heartened that more competitors are gaining access to the local telephone service market, and that more local telephone service providers are gaining entry to the long distance market. The more companies which enter the local service market and the long distance market, the better we believe it is for Wisconsin businesses and other consumers of telecommunications services. Increased competition will lead to lower rates, more choices and increased innovation and investment.

We are pleased SBC has applied to offer long distance voice and data services in Wisconsin. Wisconsin businesses and other telecommunications consumers would benefit from increased competition for long distance services. If SBC is allowed to enter the long distance market, Wisconsin businesses will enjoy the fruits of more telecommunications competition and, moreover, will have the opportunity to receive long distance service from a company which employs over 6,500 Wisconsin workers.

Overall, WMC recognizes much remains to be done in order to create fully competitive markets in both the local service market and the long distance market. As such, we fully support any attempts to break down barriers to further facilitate local and long distance competition and thereby allow for the fair market entry of competitors into the telecommunications industry. WMC welcomes the entry of additional providers in the telecommunications market, and we sincerely hope the Federal Communications Commission will follow the established process and make a just and reasonable determination on SBC's application.

Sincerely,

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